



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. BJ 2008-26

GOVERNOR’S MILITARY ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has a vital interest in the installations and/or units of the U.S. Coast Guard and/or the armed forces of the United States located within the state, in the Louisiana Military Department, and in the concerns of the Active, Guard, Reserve, and/or retired military personnel, and their families, who reside in Louisiana (hereafter "military");

WHEREAS, in the past, the state of Louisiana has successfully employed a coordinating body to provide a forum for these various military components and to serve as a liaison between the various military entities and representatives of civilian interests; and

WHEREAS, various situations will continue to arise which necessitates the continued use of such a coordinating body;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BOBBY JINDAL, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Governor’s Military Advisory Board (hereafter "Board") is reestablished within the executive department, Office of the Governor.

SECTION 2: The duties and objectives of the Board shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Providing a public forum for issues concerning the installations and/or units of the U.S. Coast Guard and/or the armed forces of the United States located within the state, Active, Guard, Reserve, and/or retired military personnel and their families who reside in Louisiana (hereafter "the military");
- B. Formulating goals and objectives to enhance cooperation, coordination, communication, and understanding between the military, the Louisiana Congressional Delegation, the communities in the state interfacing with the military, and/or state and local government agencies;
- C. Strengthening and/or increasing the state of Louisiana’s role in securing defense related business contracts for Louisiana businesses and/or selling Louisiana products to the installations and/or units of the U.S. Coast Guard and/or the armed forces of the United States located within the state;
- D. Studying and determining the means to increase and/or strengthen the presence of the U.S. Coast Guard and/or armed forces of the United States located within the state;
- E. Reviewing and/or disseminating information about proposed legislation related to and/or directly impacting the U.S. Coast Guard and/or military communities within the state; and

- F. Proposing and/or sponsoring activities, legislation, initiatives, programs, or projects which increase, support, or enhance the U. S. Coast Guard and/or military's presence within the state or which enhance or improve the quality of life for the U.S. Coast Guard and/or military communities;

SECTION 3: Annually, on January 1st, the Board shall submit a report to the governor regarding the status of and/or progress achieved on the issues addressed in Section 2 of this Order.

SECTION 4: The Board shall be composed of a maximum of twenty-five (25) members, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor.

A. The voting members of the Board shall be selected as follows:

1. The adjutant general of Louisiana, or the adjutant general's designee;
2. The president of the Louisiana State Senate, or the president's designee;
3. The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or the speaker's designee;
4. The secretary of the Department of Economic Development, or the secretary's designee;
5. The secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or the secretary's designee;
6. The chair of the Louisiana Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, or the chair's designee;
7. One (1) representative each from the Greater New Orleans, Ft. Polk-Central Louisiana, Barksdale/Bossier/Shreveport, and the Lake Charles area that have established ongoing relationships with the military from their community;
8. One (1) representative for Louisiana businesses and industries from the areas described in subsection 4(A)(7); and
9. One (1) representative of local governments from the areas described in subsection 4(A)(7).

B. The non-voting members of the Board shall be selected as follows:

1. The commander, Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Ft. Polk, or the commander's designee;
2. The commander, Eighth Air Force, or the commander's designee;
3. The commander, Naval Forces Reserve, or the commander's designee;
4. The commander, Marine Forces Reserve, or the commander's designee;
5. The commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, or the commander's designee;
6. The commander, 377th Theater Army Area Command, or the commander's designee; and

7. The commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River Valley Division, or the commander's designee.

C. The Board may create subcommittees composed of Board members, non-Board members, and/or both Board members and non-Board members, which meet in accordance with the open meetings law, R.S. 42:4.1, *et seq.*

SECTION 5: The governor shall appoint the chair and vice-chair of the Board from its membership. All other officers, if any, shall be elected by the Board from its membership.

SECTION 6: The Board shall meet at regularly scheduled quarterly meetings, and at the call of the chair.

SECTION 7: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Board shall be provided by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

SECTION 8:

- A. Board members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Board.
- B. Board members who are employees or elected public officials of the state of Louisiana or a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from their employing department, agency and/or office or elected office.
- C. Board members who are also a member of the Louisiana Legislature may seek a per diem from the Louisiana State Senate or House of Representatives, as appropriate, for their attendance at Board meetings and/or services on the Board.

SECTION 9: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Board in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 10: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 16th day of July, 2008

/S/ Bobby Jindal
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

/S/ Jay Dardenne
SECRETARY OF STATE